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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This Response is in reply to the Office Communication mailed April 10, 2006.
Consideration of the proposed amendments and reconsideration of the application in
view of the proposed Amendments and Remarks is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 5.

Conclusion begins on page 9.